JUST SO
YOU KNOW...

ALL THAT I CAN TELL YOU NOW-
IS A VERY SMALL PART OF THE STORY ABOUT YOU.
...?

YOU WILL FIND OUT ABOUT THE THINGS THAT I DO NOT TELL YOU
WHEN YOU HAVE GOTTEN STRONG ENOUGH AND CAN TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THEM.
WAIT.. I..!!
I KNOW.

YOU MUST BE SO CURIOUS TO LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF.
BUT I CAN'T TELL YOU ANY MORE THAN YOU CAN HANDLE.
IF I DO, IT WOULD RUIN YOU.

BUT DON'T BE TOO DISAPPOINTED.
AS LONG AS YOU DO NOT GET LOST, YOU WILL CERTAINLY FIND OUT EVERYTHING.
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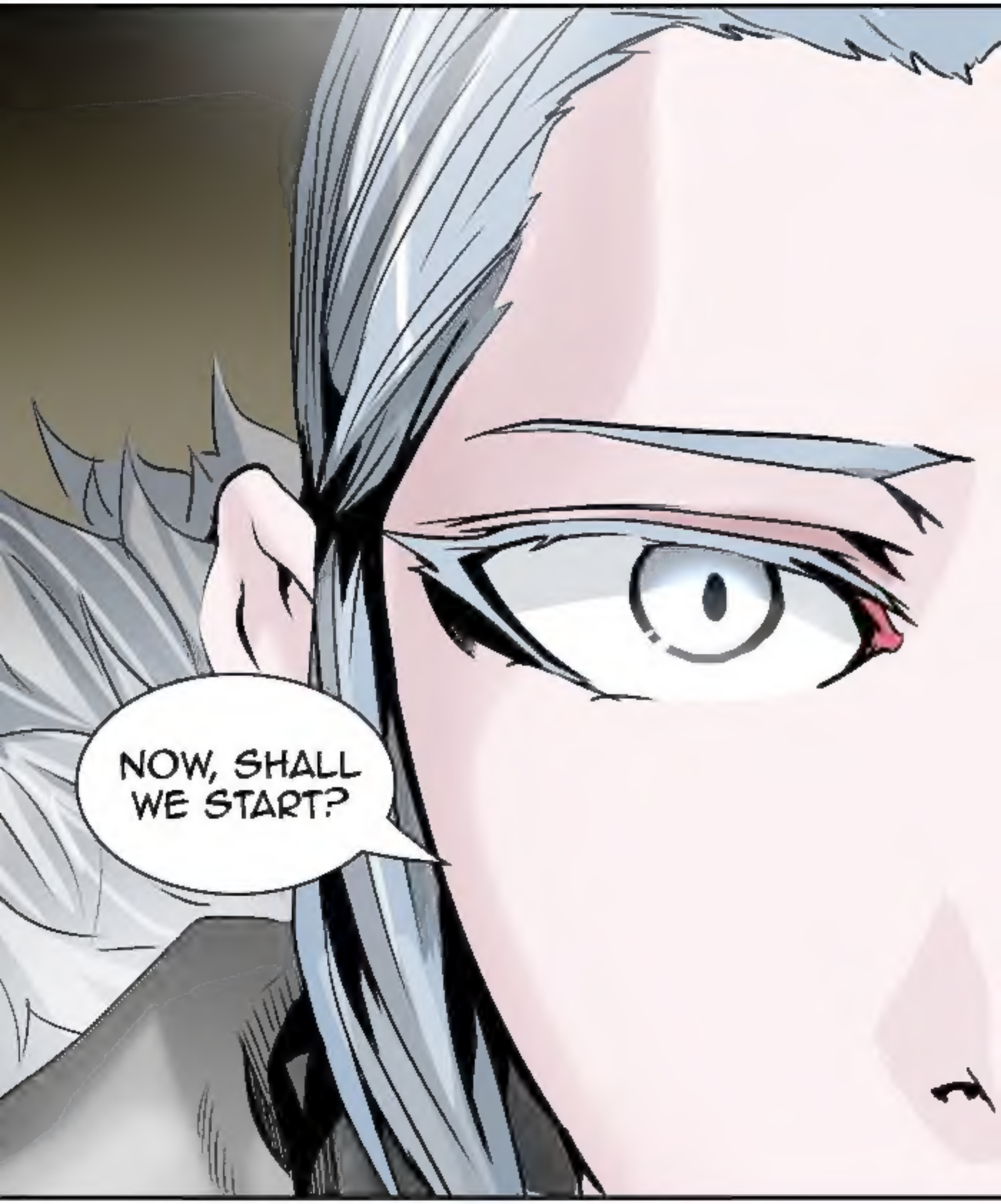
NOW, SHALL WE START?

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT JAHAD.. THE KING OF THIS TOWER?

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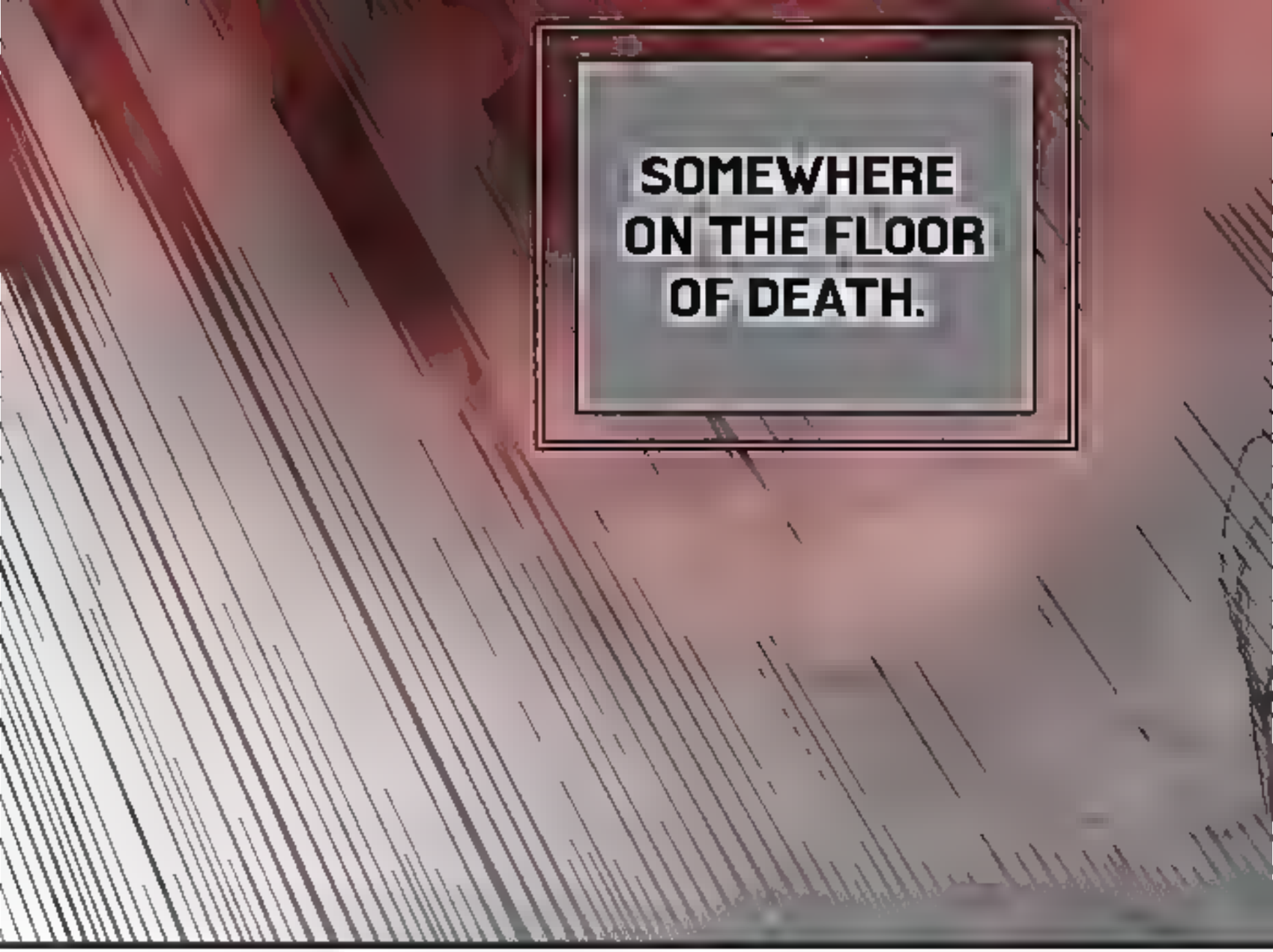
SOMEWHERE
ON THE FLOOR
OF DEATH.

WHISH
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SSX
SSSX

KSSHH—
KSSHH—
W...WHERE IS THIS?!
INSIDE THE FLOOR OF DEATH.
!!

THIS PLACE
IS THE FLOOR OF DEATH...
I SUGGEST THAT YOU BE CAREFUL.

THIS IS A PLACE INHABITED BY THE DEAD WHO HAVE LOST THEIR SOULS.
IT'S A DANGEROUS PLACE EVEN FOR RANKERS.
AH.. RIGHT..

SHALL I TAKE WHITE OUT NOW?
NO, IT'S BETTER LIKE THIS FOR NOW.
STEP
STEP
SINCE I'LL HAVE TO PROTECT YOU IF A GATEKEEPER HAPPENS TO APPEAR.
FOR NOW, TWO ARE BETTER THAN THREE.

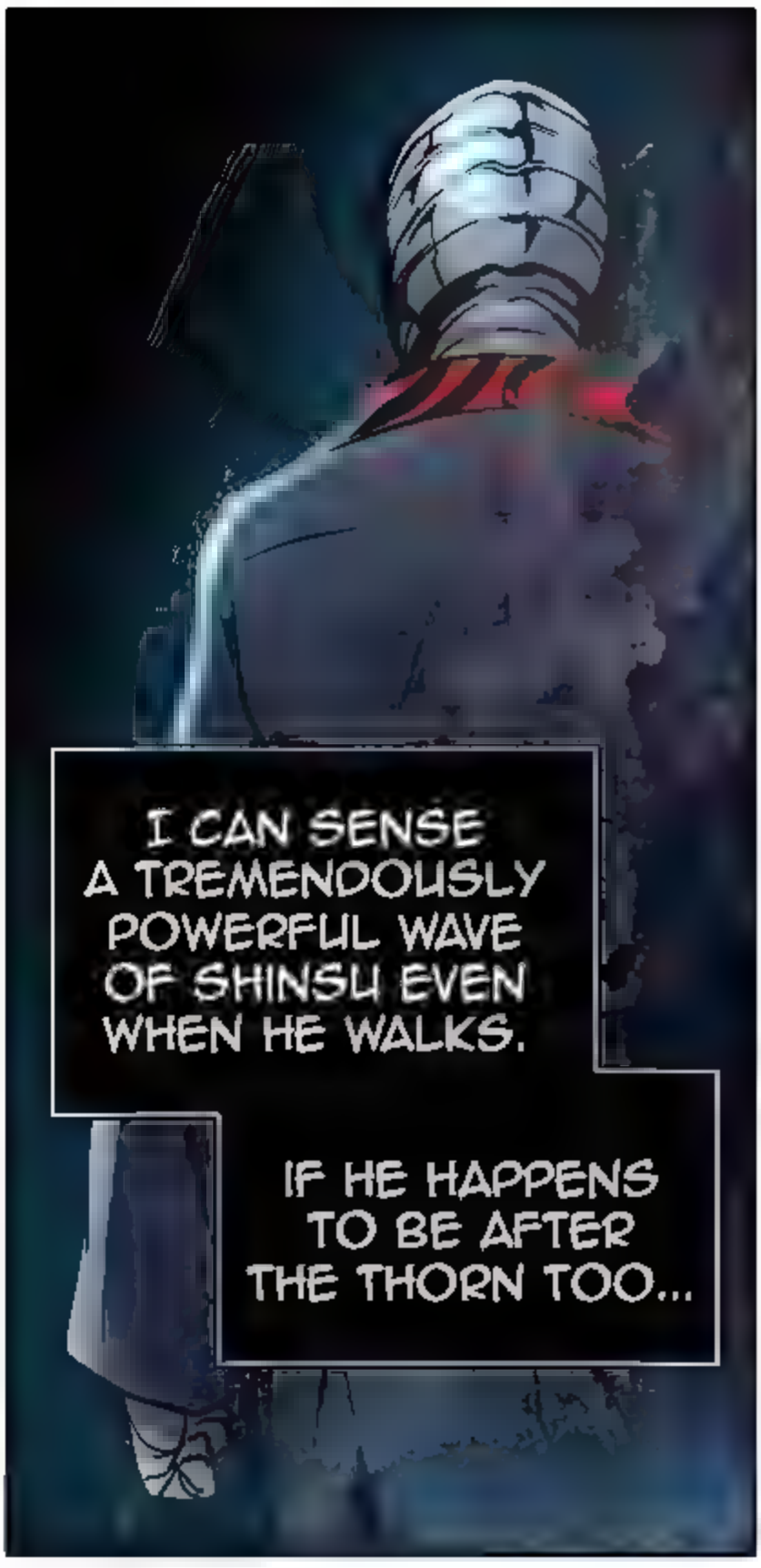
UM..
BY THE WAY, KARAKA.
BASED ON THE RUMORS THAT WE'VE HEARD, IN ORDER TO ENTER THE FLOOR OF DEATH, YOU NEED TO 'OFFER THE SOUL OF ONE PERSON'...

DO WE NOT NEED A SOUL TO OFFER?
...IT'S NOT JUST THE SOUL OF 'ONE PERSON'-
YOU WERE MISTAKEN.
YOU MUST OFFER THE SOULS OF EVERYONE ENTERING.

HUH...!?
DON'T WORRY.
WE'RE GOING TO ENTER USING A HIDDEN ROUTE ANYWAY.

EVEN IF AN ENEMY APPEARS, JUST STAY STILL AND DON'T PANIC.
STEP-
SURE~ GOT IT!
STEP-

I WASN'T EXPECTING THIS AT ALL.
COMING TO THE FLOOR OF DEATH WITH A SLAYER...
HOW DID THAT GUY GET ON THE TRAIN?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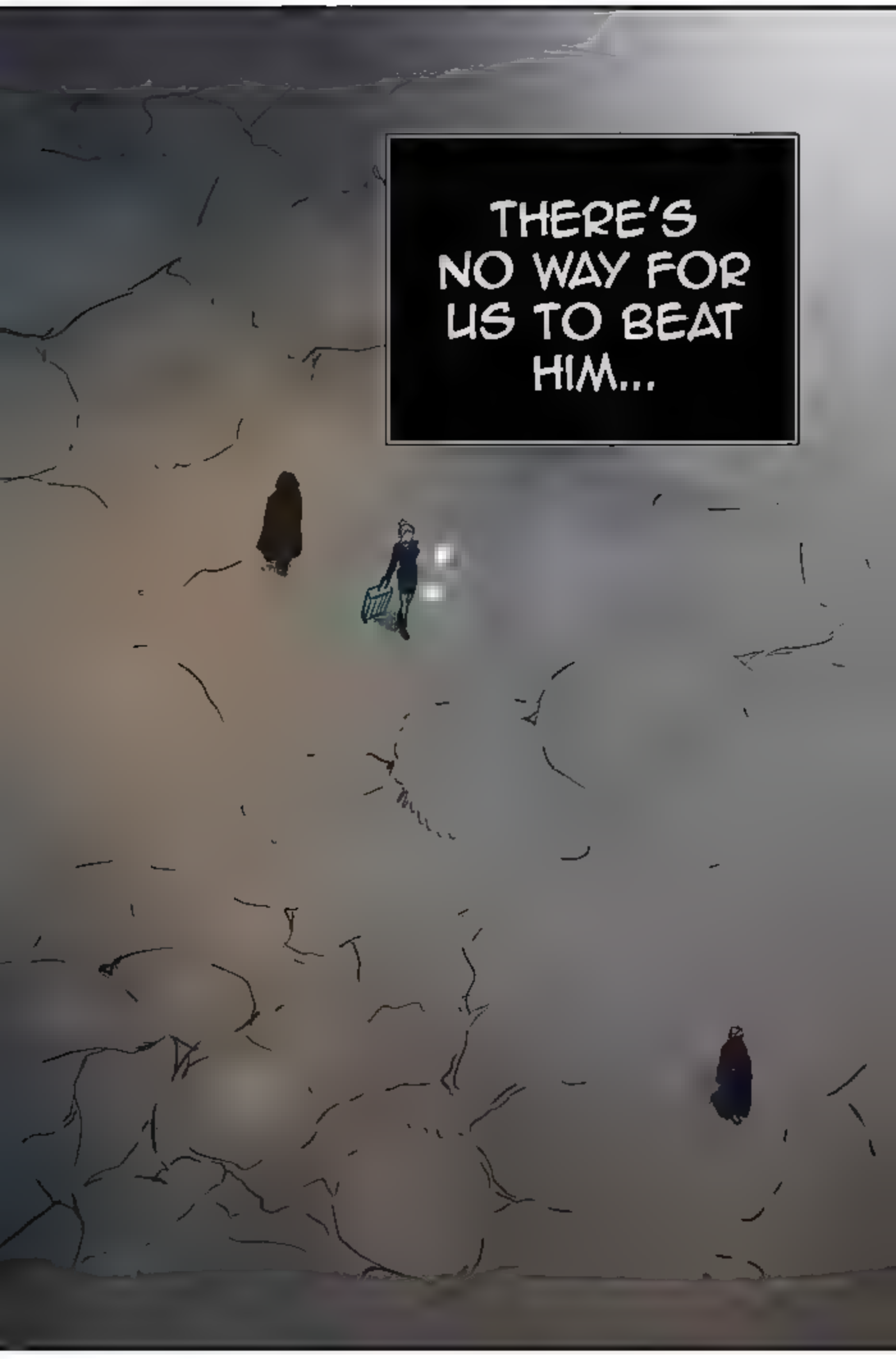
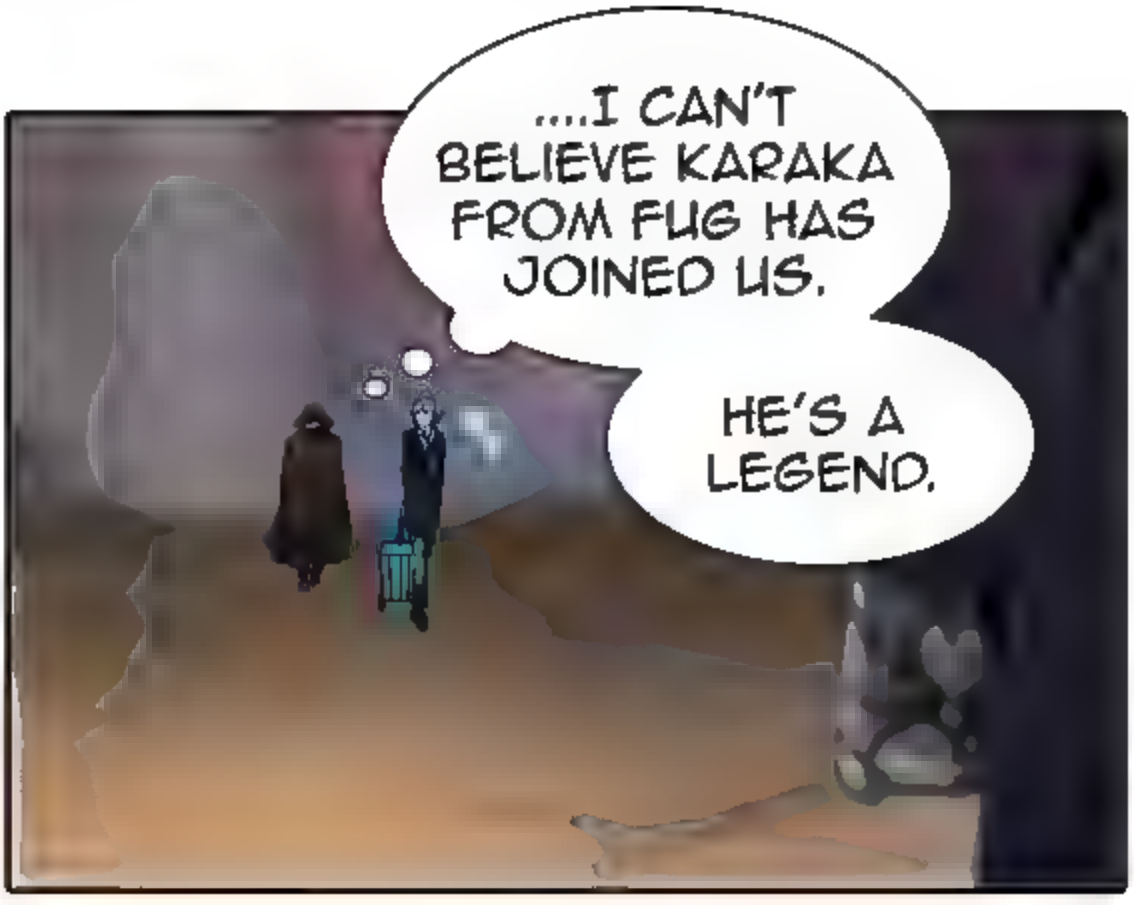
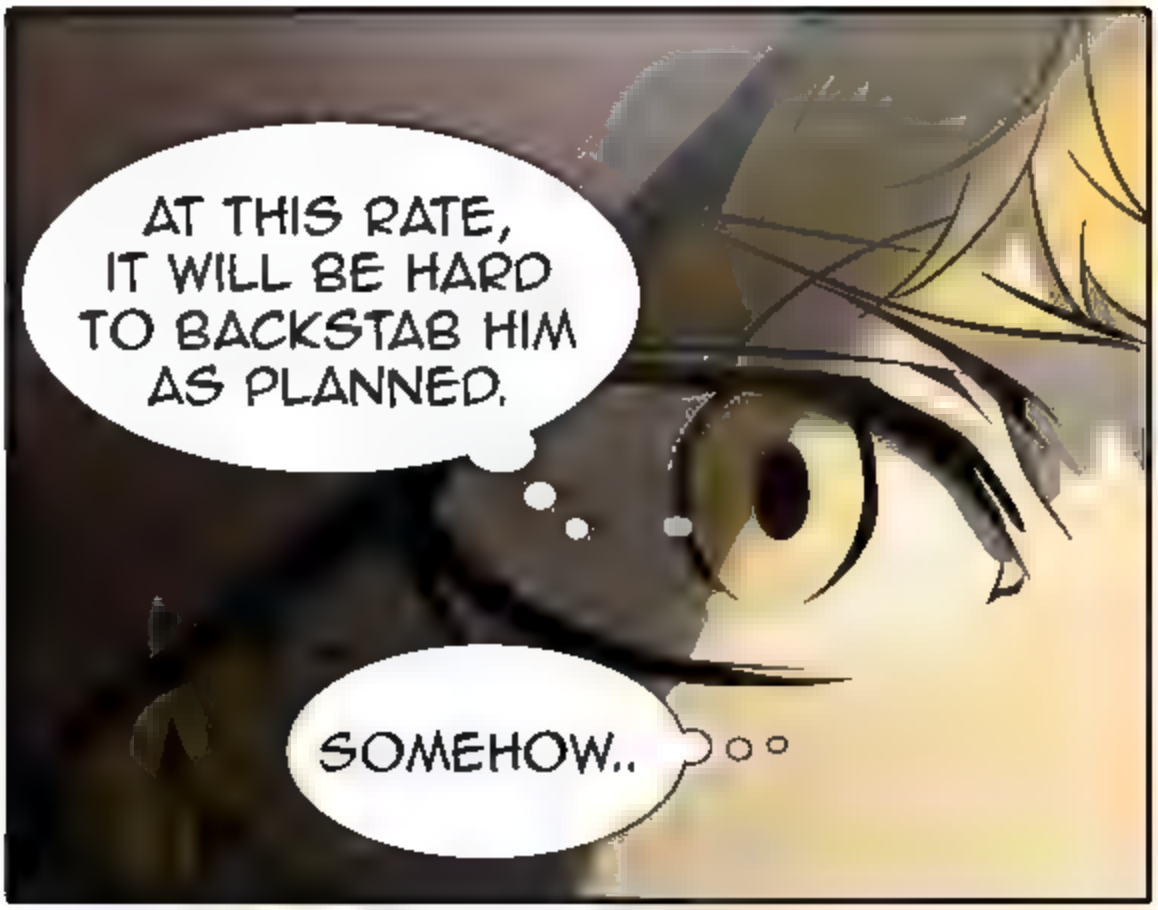
IF HE HAPPENS TO BE AFTER THE THORN TOO...


THERE'S NO WAY FOR US TO BEAT HIM...

WE
HAD BETTER
CHANGE OUR
PLAN.


....I CAN'T BELIEVE KARAKA FROM FUG HAS JOINED US.
HE'S A LEGEND.


AT THIS RATE, IT WILL BE HARD TO BACKSTAB HIM AS PLANNED.
SOMEHOW..

I HAVE TO WAIT FOR A MOMENT WHEN THAT MAN ISN'T AROUND!!
SPARKLE

HELL JOE...?

WHAT'S WITH THAT UNUSUAL NAME?

IT'S THE NAME OF THE WARLORD WHO'S CURRENTLY RULING THE SOUTH CITY.
THIS PLACE IS DIVIDED INTO THE SOUTH CITY AND THE NORTH CITY.
THE NORTH CITY IS RULED BY GRAND DE LEE, WHILE HELL JOE IS THE RULER OF THE SOUTH CITY.

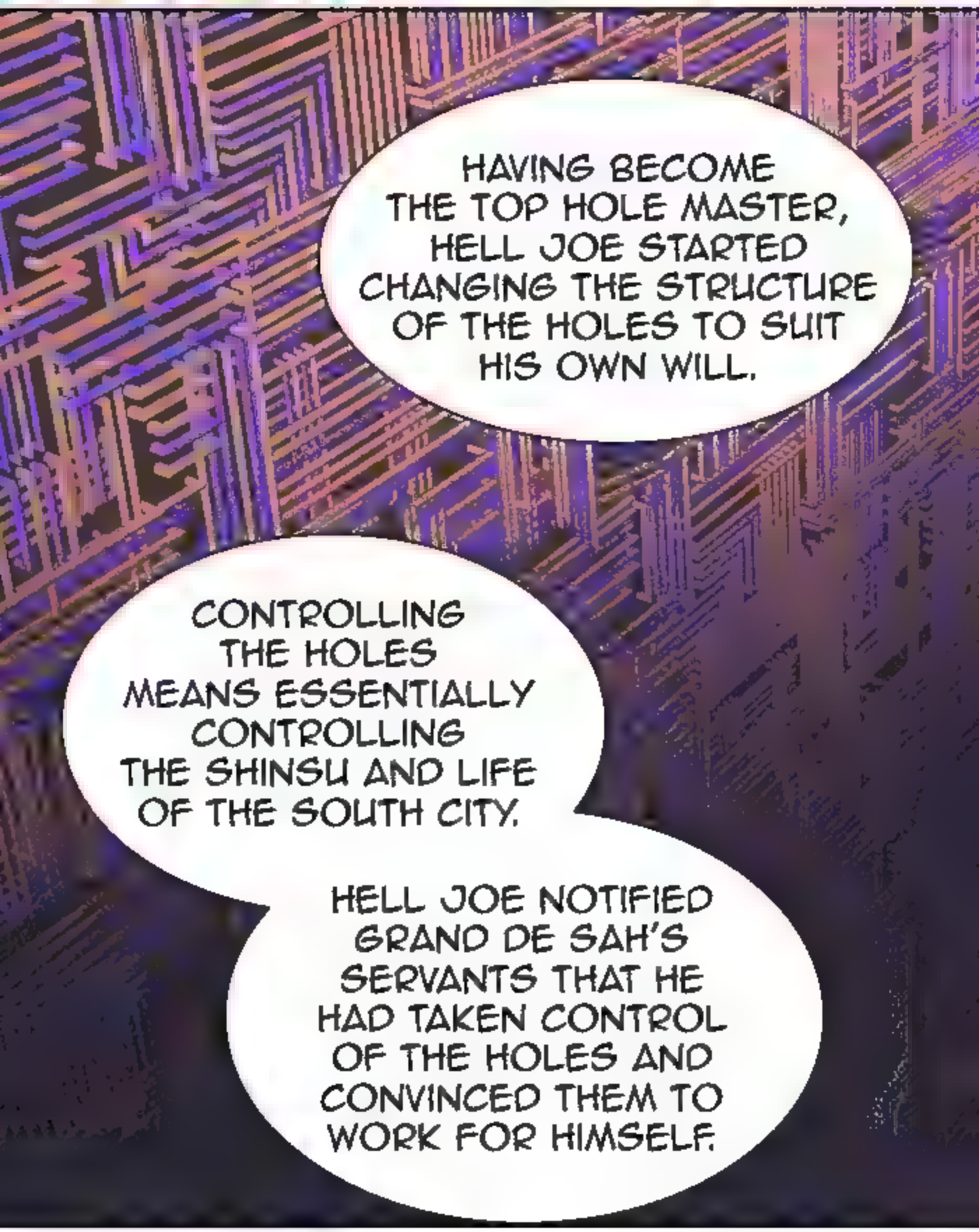
HELL JOE, THE WARLORD OF THE SOUTH CITY, IS LIKE A TYRANT...
SO EVERYONE IN THE SOUTH CITY FEARS HIM.
HE'S SOMETHING OF A MAVERICK SO HE NEVER TRUSTS ANYONE ELSE

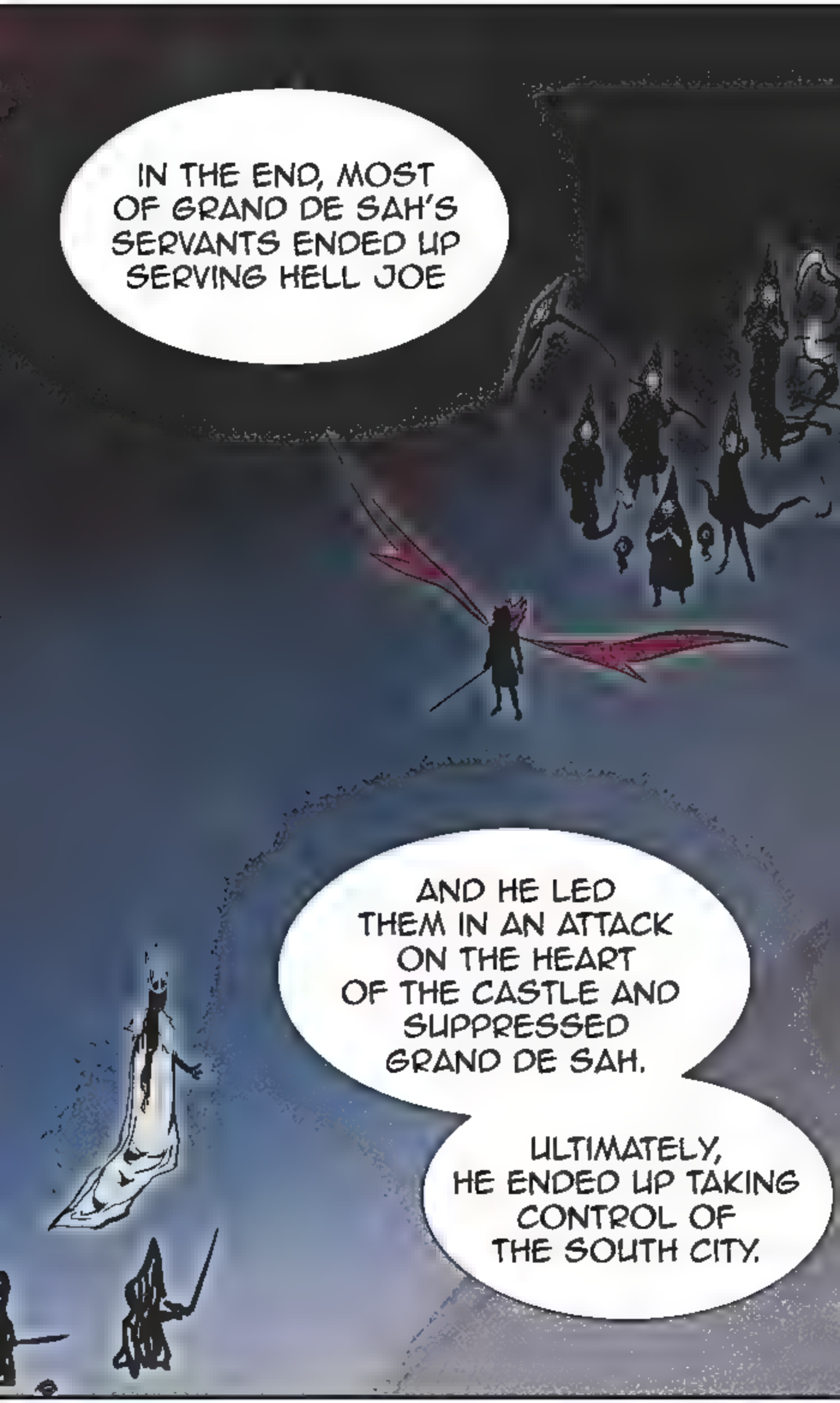
AND IF HE DISLIKES ANYONE, HE TRAPS THEM IN AN 'ETERNAL PRISON.' THEY SAY THAT HE'S AN EVIL, LAWLESS MAN.
HMM...

HELL JOE USED TO BE A 'HOLE REPAIRMAN' IN THE SOUTH CITY.
HERE ON THE FLOOR OF DEATH, THERE ARE SPECIAL ORGANS CALLED 'HOLES,' WHICH PULL IN SHINSU FROM THE OUTSIDE.
HELL JOE IS SAID TO HAVE FOUND OUT EVERYTHING THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT HOLES AFTER WORKING ON THEM FOR SUCH A LONG TIME...

ULTIMATELY, GRAND DE SAH, THE PREVIOUS RULER OF THE SOUTH CITY, STARTED TRUSTING HELL JOE ,
THEN HE CALLED HIM TO HIS CASTLE AND APPOINTED HIM 'TOP HOLE MASTER.'

BUT HELL JOE HAD HIS SIGHTS SET HIGHER THAN THAT.


HAVING BECOME THE TOP HOLE MASTER, HELL JOE STARTED CHANGING THE STRUCTURE OF THE HOLES TO SUIT HIS OWN WILL.
CONTROLLING THE HOLES MEANS ESSENTIALLY CONTROLLING THE SHINSU AND LIFE OF THE SOUTH CITY.
HELL JOE NOTIFIED GRAND DE SAH'S SERVANTS THAT HE HAD TAKEN CONTROL OF THE HOLES AND CONVINCED THEM TO WORK FOR HIMSELF.


IN THE END, MOST OF GRAND DE SAH'S SERVANTS ENDED UP SERVING HELL JOE
AND HE LED THEM IN AN ATTACK ON THE HEART OF THE CASTLE AND SUPPRESSED GRAND DE SAH.
ULTIMATELY, HE ENDED UP TAKING CONTROL OF THE SOUTH CITY.

HMM...
I SEE.
SO... WHY ARE YOU GUYS TRYING TO GET RID OF HELL JOE?
IF IT WERE SIMPLY A REBELLION, THERE WOULD BE NO REASON FOR A GUIDE FROM FUG TO GET INVOLVED, WOULD THERE?
WELL..

ACTUALLY, HELL JOE..
IS WORKING WITH FUG
AND SENDING FRAGMENTS
OF THE THORN TO
THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

...FRAGMENTS OF THE THORN...?!
YOU MEAN THE THING THAT BAM IS USING?
YES... THE FRAGMENT THAT VIOLE USES IS PRECISELY THAT.

SO HELL JOE IS THE ONE WHO DISCOVERED THOSE AND SMUGGLED THEM TO THE OUTSIDE!?

THEY SAY THAT SOME MONSTER WITH STRANGE EYES WAS THE FIRST ONE TO DISCOVER THEM...

AFTER THAT, HELL JOE FOUND OUT THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE AFTER THEM AND STARTED HELPING TO MOVE THEM TO THE OUTSIDE...

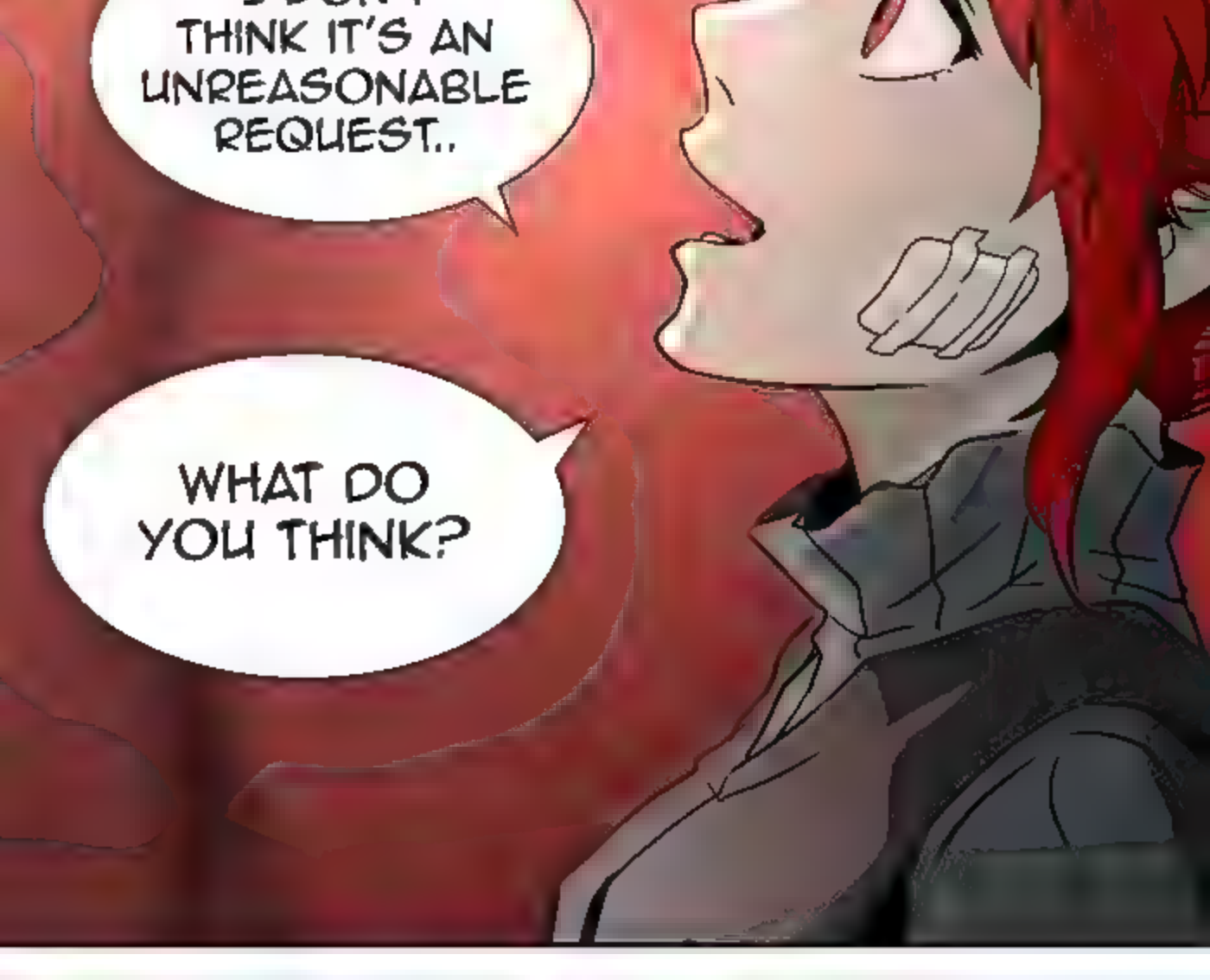
AS FAR AS WE KNOW, HE HAS RELEASED THREE THORN FRAGMENTS TO THE OUTSIDE.

ONE OF THEM ENDED UP IN THE HANDS OF FUG, AND WAS LATER DELIVERED TO VIOLE,
BUT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE OTHER TWO WENT.

AND THEY SAY THAT THE FINAL FRAGMENT THAT WE HAVEN'T FOUND YET IS HERE ON THE FLOOR OF DEATH...

APPARENTLY, EVEN HELL JOE IS STILL LOOKING FOR THAT ONE.

SO YOUR REQUEST..
IS TO DESTROY HELL JOE BEFORE HE FINDS THE FINAL FRAGMENT FIRST?
YEAH! THAT'S THE ONLY WAY TO KEEP JUE VIOLE GRACE FROM BECOMING A TARGET TO HELL JOE.
VIOLE STILL ISN'T READY TO FACE HELL JOE HIMSELF..


SINCE YOU CAME TO THIS PLACE TO HELP VIOLE
I DON'T THINK IT'S AN UNREASONABLE REQUEST..
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

HM...
I HAVE MORE THAN A FEW SUSPICIOUS
BUT I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE IF I WANT TO BE SHOWN THE WAY RIGHT NOW.

ALRIGHT. WE'LL HELP YOU.
HURRAY!!
WHOA-
PRINCESS!!
HOW COULD YOU SUDDENLY ACCEPT SUCH A SUSPICIOUS REQUEST!?

G
WHAT ELSE AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
R
ARE YOU GOING TO LEAD THE WAY?
R R R R R R
DO YOU NEED TO BE COVERED IN STAG BEETLES TO BRING YOU TO YOUR SENSES?
UGH...!!

IN RETURN, YOU HAVE TO SHOW US THE WAY.
AND TAKE US TO BAM, TOO.
SURE!!
GOT IT!!

UM... MASTER JOE.
MASTER JOE..?

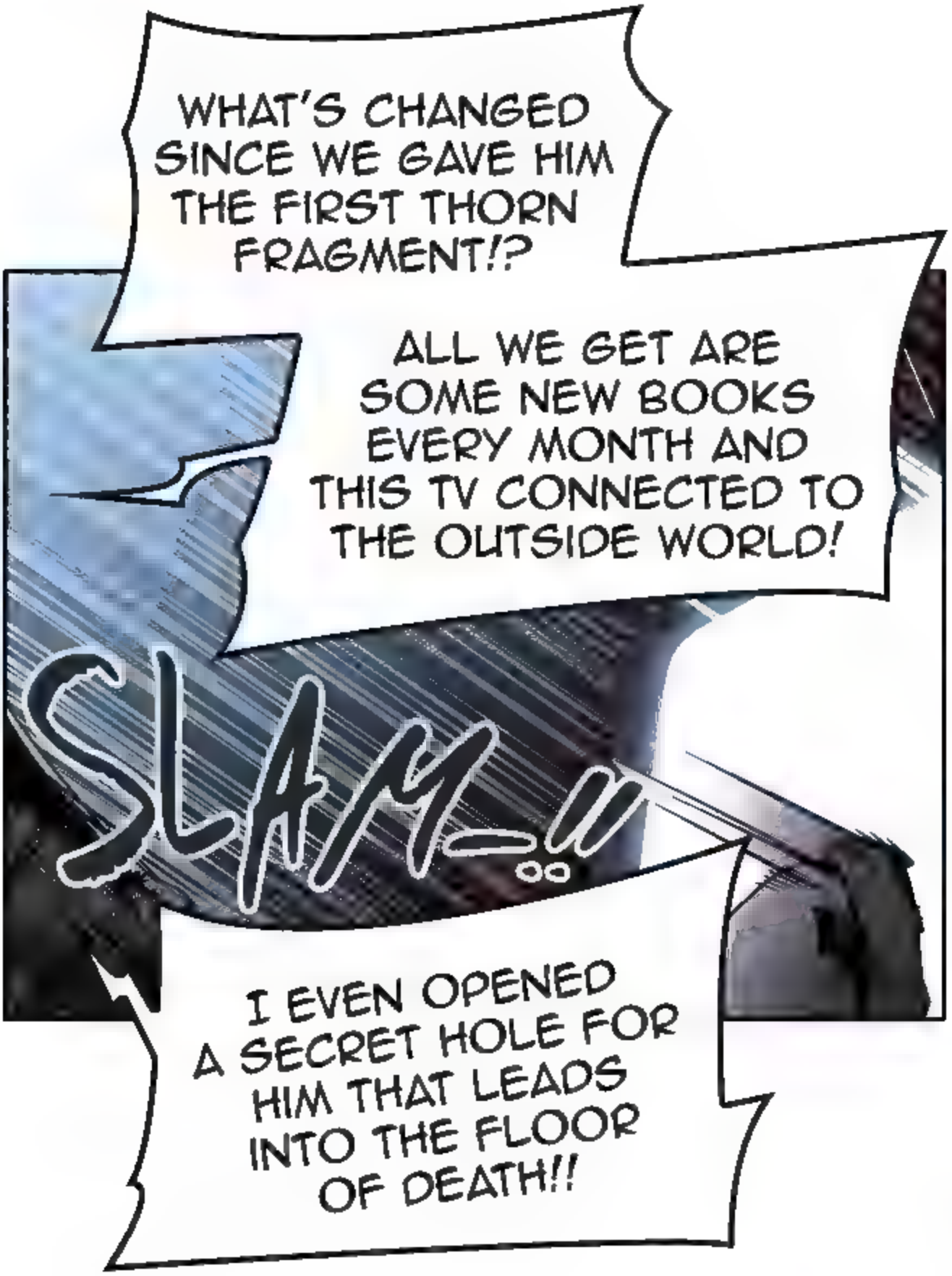
ARE YOU STILL NOT DONE READING THAT COMIC...?

DON'T DISTURB ME.
FLASH
B...BUT MASTER JOE...!
K...KARAKA, A SLAYER FROM FUG, IS ON HIS WAY HERE.

PERHAPS HE'S COMING...
TO CLAIM THE 'THORN FRAGMENT' THAT HE WAS PROMISED LONG AGO...

SO WHAT?
WE STILL HAVEN'T FOUND THAT.
JUST BECAUSE HE'S COMING HERE, IT DOESN'T MEAN WE CAN GIVE HIM ANYTHING, RIGHT?
BUT THE 'PROMISE'..

AHH- THAT PROMISE?
YOU MEAN THAT PROMISE THAT HE'LL GET US OUT OF THIS REPULSIVE PLACE?
YES...!! MASTER JOE. PRECISELY THAT PROMISE!


WHAT'S CHANGED SINCE WE GAVE HIM THE FIRST THORN FRAGMENT!?
ALL WE GET ARE SOME NEW BOOKS EVERY MONTH AND THIS TV CONNECTED TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD!
SLAM...
I EVEN OPENED A SECRET HOLE FOR HIM THAT LEADS INTO THE FLOOR OF DEATH!!

MAKE SURE YOU TELL THAT BASTARD IF HE COMES HERE!!
KRRFFRRFF-
I CAN NO LONGER COOPERATE WITH HIM!!
IF HE WANTS TO FIND THE THORN FRAGMENT, HE CAN FIND IT HIMSELF!!

NOW GET OUT!!
I HAVE TO READ THIS COMIC!
...MASTER JOE..

WELL.. I'LL BE GOING..
CREEAAK
WHILE YOU'RE RESTING, PERHAPS YOU SHOULD RECONSIDER.. WORKING WITH FUG..
DO YOU HAVE A BULLET STUCK IN THOSE GODDAMN EARS OF YOURS!?

SCREW OFF!!
.....DAMNIT..

THAT RECKLESS PERSONALITY OF HIS...!!
CLENCH—

SLAM
THAT GODDAMN HOCKNEY!!

WE COULD FIND THAT THORN FRAGMENT IF ONLY HE WERE HERE..!!
BUT THEN THAT BASTARD WITH FREAKY EYES RAN AWAY..!!

WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY SOMEHOW...
IF KARAKA GETS HERE..!
CLICK
CLICK
SSONG.

WHAT ARE YOU HUFFING AND PUFFING LIKE THAT ABOUT BY YOURSELF?
YOU DIDN'T FAIL TO GIVE HELL JOE ANOTHER ONE OF YOUR STRANGE IDEAS, DID YOU?
CHARLOTTE..!!
MILITARY COMMANDER
CHARLOTTE THE TEMPTRESS

SHUT UP!! WHAT DO YOU MEAN 'STRANGE IDEAS'!?
I'M JUST THINKING OF OUR FUTURE...!
...OUR FUTURE.

WHAT MEANING DOES THE FUTURE HAVE
FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT SOULS LIKE US?

HMPH..!!
THEN GO AHEAD AND LIVE HERE FOREVER.
I'M LEAVING THIS PLACE!!
I'M GOING TO RECLAIM MY LOST SOUL AND KEEP CLIMBING THE TOWER!!

THEN HELL JOE AND I...
WILL SEIZE THE TOWER'S TREMENDOUS WEALTH AND POWER!!
CLENCH

HAH.. YOU'RE STILL AS AMBITIOUS AS EVER.
FLAP
FLAP
CHARLOTTE. SSONG.
?

KARAKA HAS ARRIVED AT THE CASTLE.
!!

MASTER JOE.
KARAKA HAS ARRIVED.

.....MASTER JOE?
.....
WOONG
WOONG

K..
KARAKA!
DRRRRRR
JUST LISTEN TO ME FOR A MOMENT..!
DRRRR-

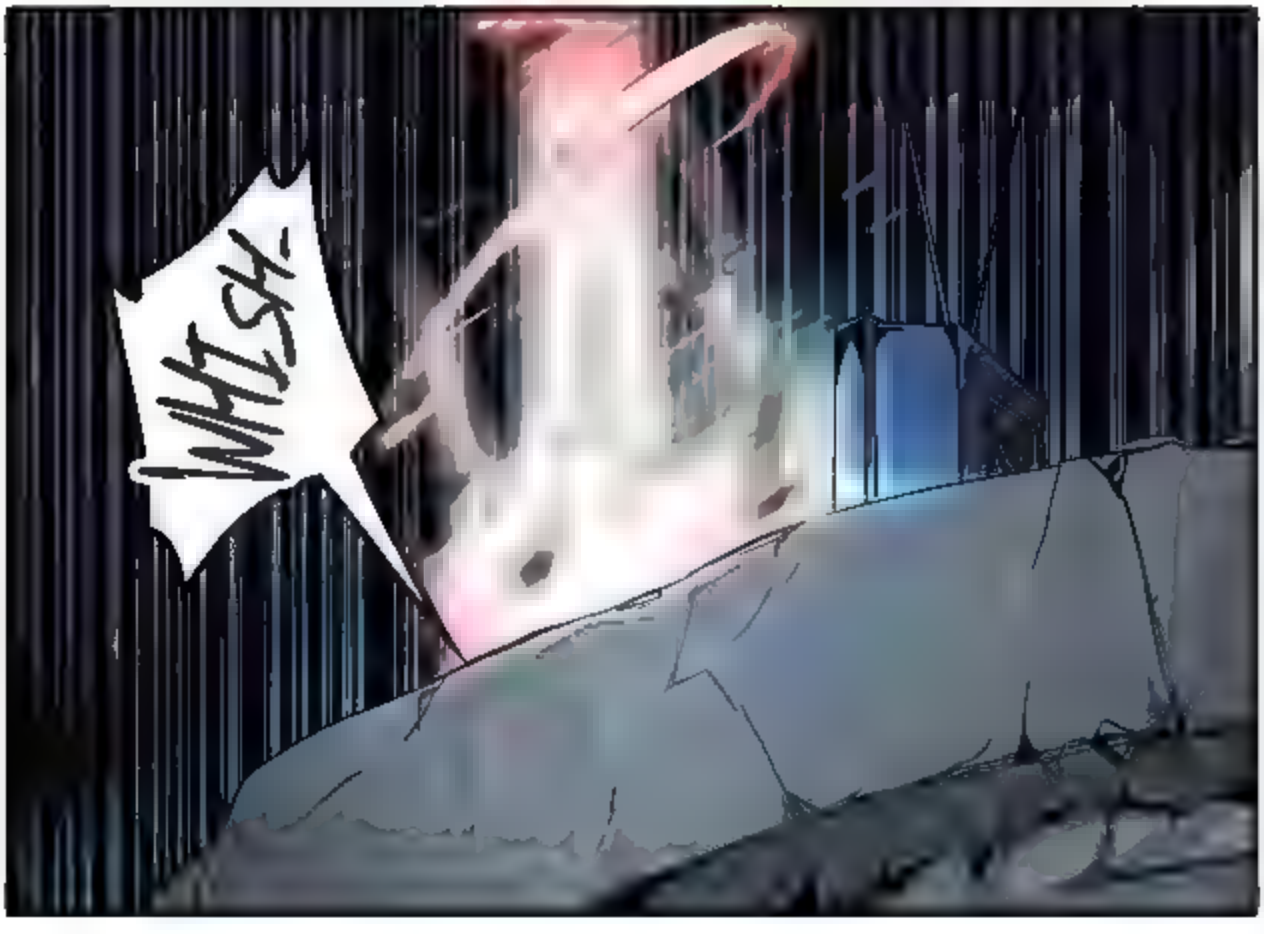
THERE'S NO TIME TO WASTE.
IF THEY'VE DISAPPEARED, YOU MUST FIND THEM SOMEHOW. THEY'RE AFTER THE THORN FRAGMENTS.
TAP-
BUT MASTER JOE IS BUSY RIGHT NOW!!
TAP-
DRRRRRRR-

YOU'VE COME SUCH A LONG WAY. WHY DON'T WE HAVE A LITTLE TEATIME?!
TIP-
TIP
TIP-
I DON'T RECALL EVER EATING FOOD GIVEN TO ME BY SOMEONE FROM ANOTHER TERRITORY.
OPEN THE DOOR.

CRACK

LONG TIME NO SEE.
HELL JOE.
KRRR

DO THE GIFTS THAT I'VE BEEN SENDING YOU SUIT YOUR TASTES?
...KARAKA.


WHISH-

YOU'VE GOT SOME NERVE SHOWING YOUR FACE HERE, KARAKA.
...WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
SSSSSSSK-

WE DELIVERED ALL OF THE PROMISED GOODS TO YOU.
WHY HAVEN'T YOU GIVEN US THE THORN FRAGMENTS?
CUT THE CRAP!!
THE DEAL THAT I MADE WITH FUG WAS TO LEAVE THIS PLACE!!

THAT'S NOT SO EASY. NOT JUST ANYONE CAN RECLAIM YOUR SOUL.
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!! HOW MUCH LONGER DO I HAVE TO GO ON TRUSTING WHAT YOU SAY!?
IT'S ALREADY BEEN AGES SINCE I GAVE YOU THE THORN FRAGMENT!!

PLUS THAT TV-
GRRRR-

ONLY HAS A FREAKING NEWS CHANNEL!!
ARGH!!

HA
HA

KRRRR
WHY THE NEWS CHANNEL KEEPS COMING!?
I WANTED SOME MORE EXCITING SHOWS!!
WHAT IS THIS LUNATIC BLABBING ABOUT...!?
RRRRRR
IF YOU WATCH THAT TV, YOU WILL NATURALLY BECOME EXPRESSIONLESS!!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT IT'S LIKE ONLY WATCHING THE NEWS ALL DAY!?
NOT EVEN ENDORSI JAHAD IS ON TV NOWADAYS!!
DO YOU THINK I ASKED YOU FOR A TV SO THAT I COULD STARE AT OLD MEN IN SUITS!?

...I ONLY WATCH THE NEWS.
ISN'T IS THE MOST INTERESTING THING TO WATCH?
FIRM
SHUT UP!! YOU OLD FART!! DON'T FORCE YOUR TASTES ON ME!!
ANYWAY, THERE'S NO DEAL UNLESS YOU GET ME OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW!!

HUFF-
HUFF-
...I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE.

BRING ME THE INTRUDERS WHO DISAPPEARED. THEN EVERYTHING WILL BE RESOLVED.
...WHAT!! DO YOU HAVE A BULLET STUCK IN THOSE EARS!?

YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO
DOESN'T SEEM TO
UNDERSTAND.

ONE OF THEM IS CAPABLE OF GETTING YOU OUT OF HERE.
IDIOT.
.....?

HOW MUCH DO I KNOW KING JAHAD, YOU ASK?

I'VE NEVER MET HIM... I'VE JUST HEARD THINGS...
I KNOW THAT HE'S AN IRREGULAR.

HE ENTERED THE TOWER AS AN IRREGULAR, CLIMBED THE TOWER WITH THE TEN GREAT FAMILY LEADERS...

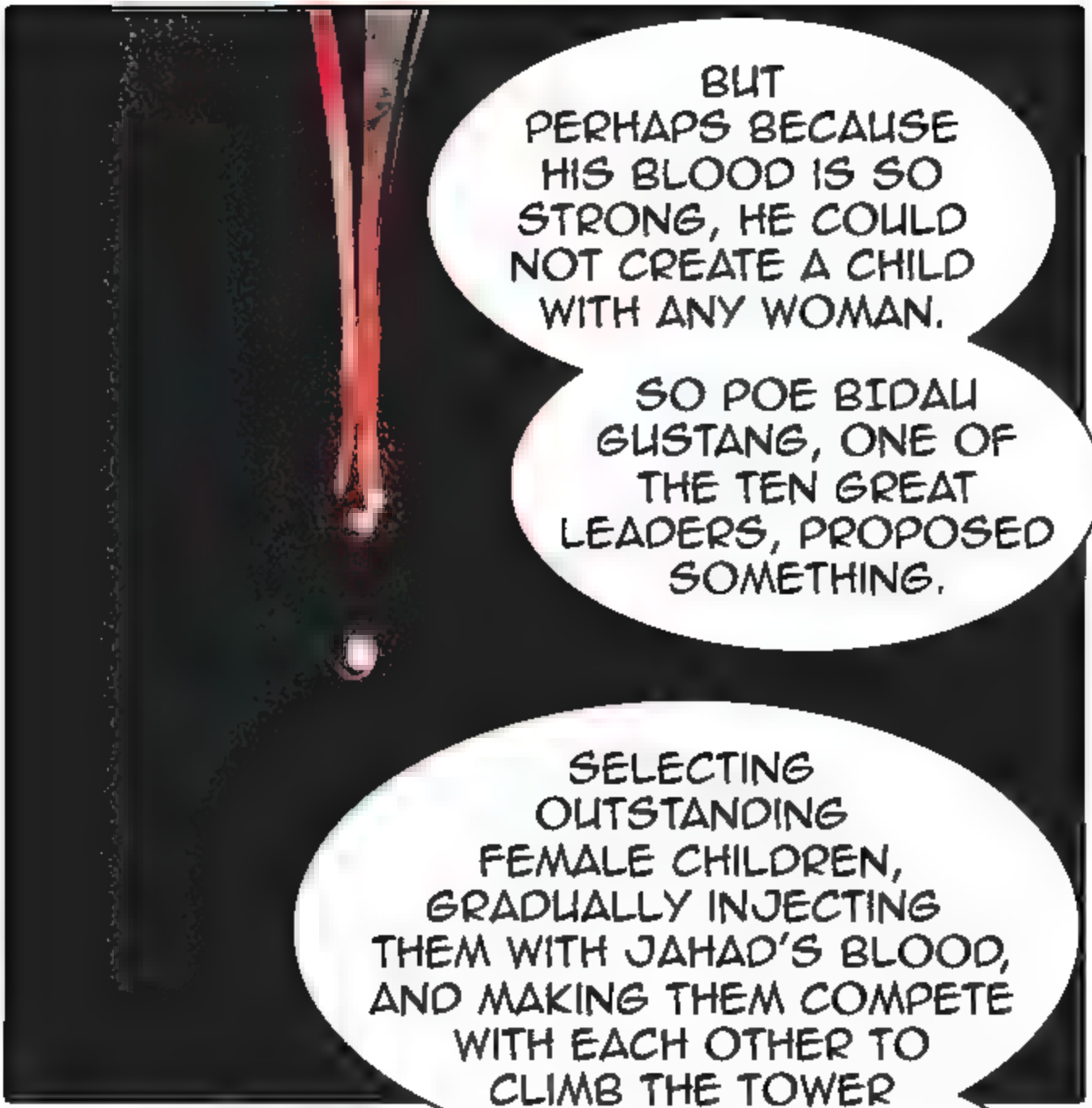
AND MADE A DEAL WITH THE ADMINISTRATOR TO BECOME THE KING OF THE TOWER.

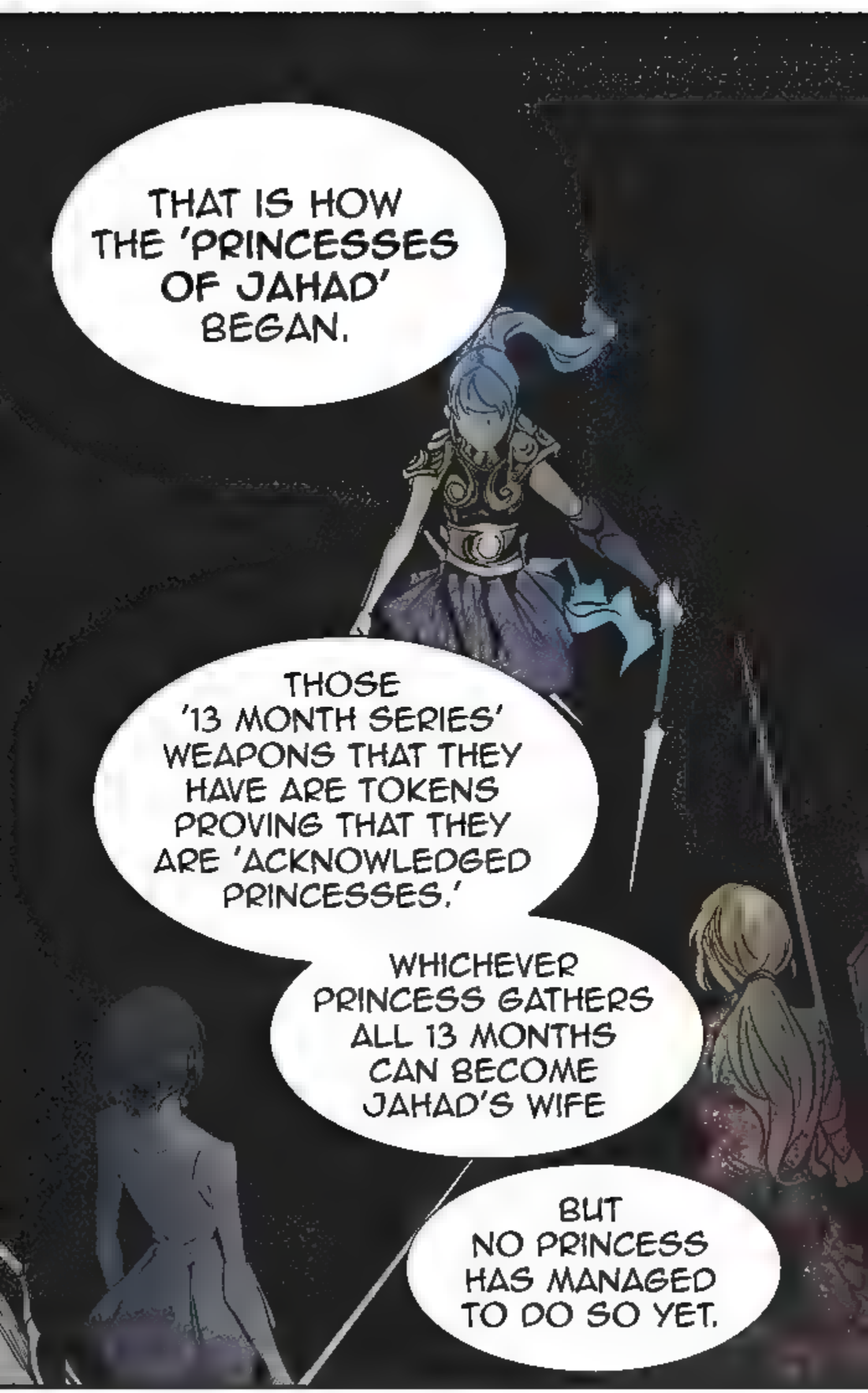
AN IMMORTAL BODY. A COMMANDER OF POWERFUL SHINSU. AN ENEMY OF FUG.

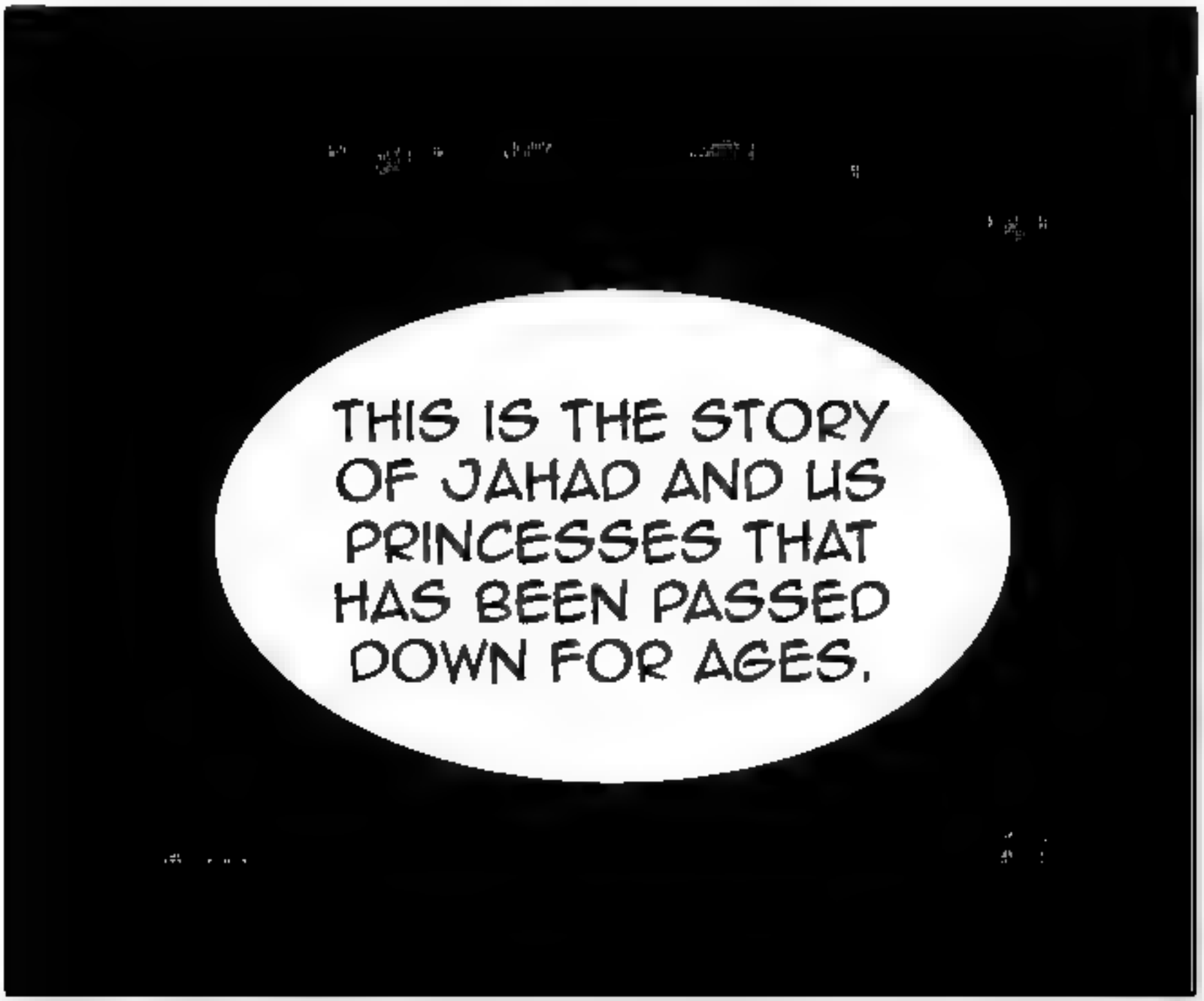
THAT'S WHAT I KNOW ABOUT HIM.

THAT'S RIGHT. HE'S A GREAT KING WHO ATTACKED THE TOWER AND MADE A DEAL.
AN INVINCIBLE WARRIOR PRAISED BY EVERYONE ON ALL 134 FLOORS OF THE TOWER.
HAVING ENDLESSLY CLIMBED THE TOWER, HE TOOK PITY ON THE PEOPLE IN THE TOWER AND DECIDED TO BECOME KING OF THE TOWER.

SINE THEN, HE DECIDED TO LEAVE HIS ATTACK ON THE TOWER TO HIS DESCENDANTS.


BUT PERHAPS BECAUSE HIS BLOOD IS SO STRONG, HE COULD NOT CREATE A CHILD WITH ANY WOMAN.
SO POE BIDAU GUSTANG, ONE OF THE TEN GREAT LEADERS, PROPOSED SOMETHING.
SELECTING OUTSTANDING FEMALE CHILDREN, GRADUALLY INJECTING THEM WITH JAHAD'S BLOOD, AND MAKING THEM COMPETE WITH EACH OTHER TO CLIMB THE TOWER
TO MAKE THE MOST TALENTED OF THE SURVIVING PRINCESSES JAHAD'S WIFE.


THAT IS HOW THE 'PRINCESSES OF JAHAD' BEGAN.
THOSE '13 MONTH SERIES' WEAPONS THAT THEY HAVE ARE TOKENS PROVING THAT THEY ARE 'ACKNOWLEDGED PRINCESSES.'
WHICHEVER PRINCESS GATHERS ALL 13 MONTHS CAN BECOME JAHAD'S WIFE
BUT NO PRINCESS HAS MANAGED TO DO SO YET.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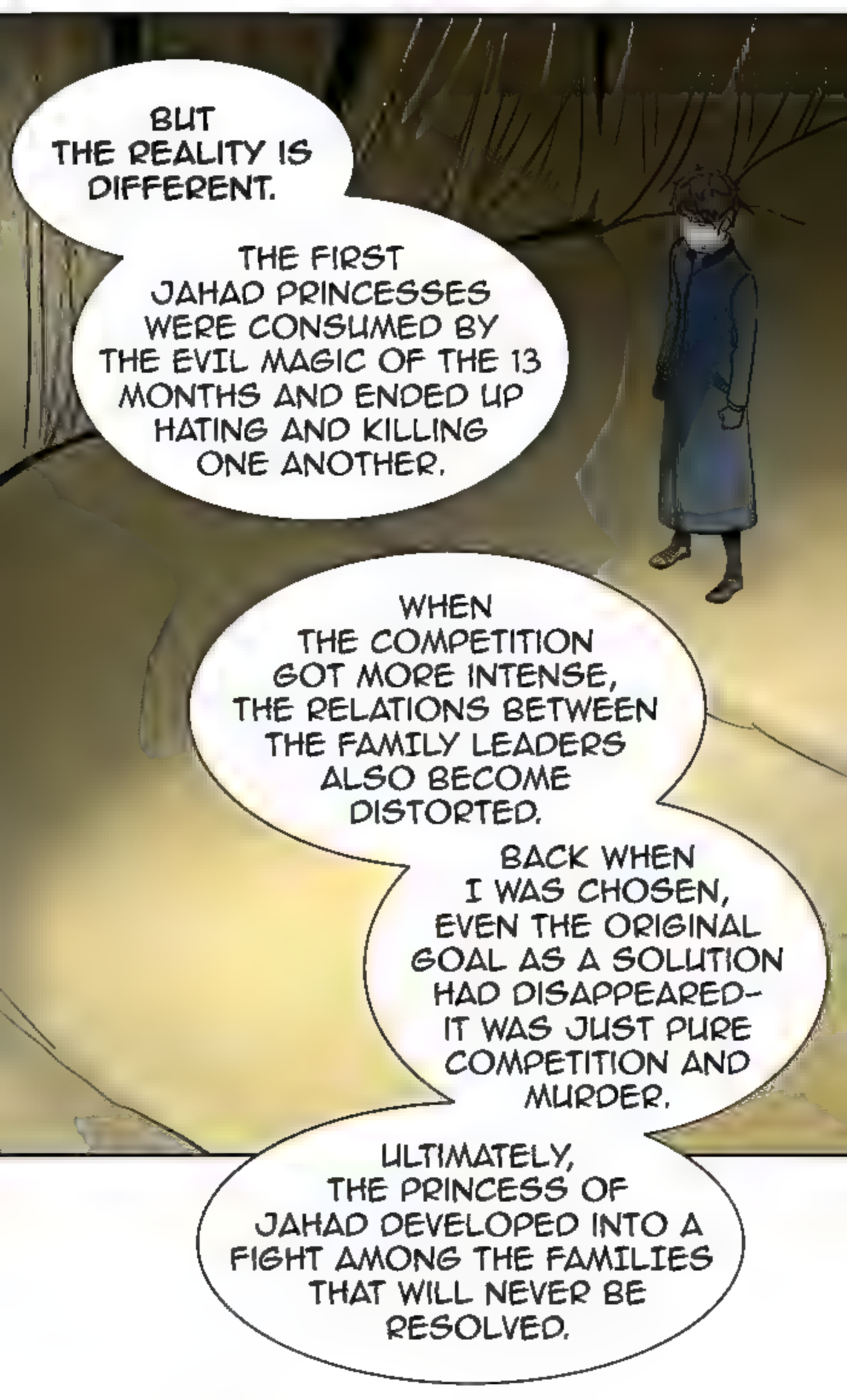
BUT THE REALITY IS DIFFERENT.
THE FIRST JAHAD PRINCESSES WERE CONSUMED BY THE EVIL MAGIC OF THE 13 MONTHS AND ENDED UP HATING AND KILLING ONE ANOTHER.
WHEN THE COMPETITION GOT MORE INTENSE, THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE FAMILY LEADERS ALSO BECOME DISTORTED.
BACK WHEN I WAS CHOSEN, EVEN THE ORIGINAL GOAL AS A SOLUTION HAD DISAPPEARED- IT WAS JUST PURE COMPETITION AND MURDER.
ULTIMATELY, THE PRINCESS OF JAHAD DEVELOPED INTO A FIGHT AMONG THE FAMILIES THAT WILL NEVER BE RESOLVED.

EVERY DAY, OUR LIVES CONSIST OF TRYING TO SLASH THE THROATS OF OUR FELLOW SISTERS.

IT WAS TOO HARD FOR ME TO ENDURE THAT CHAOS.

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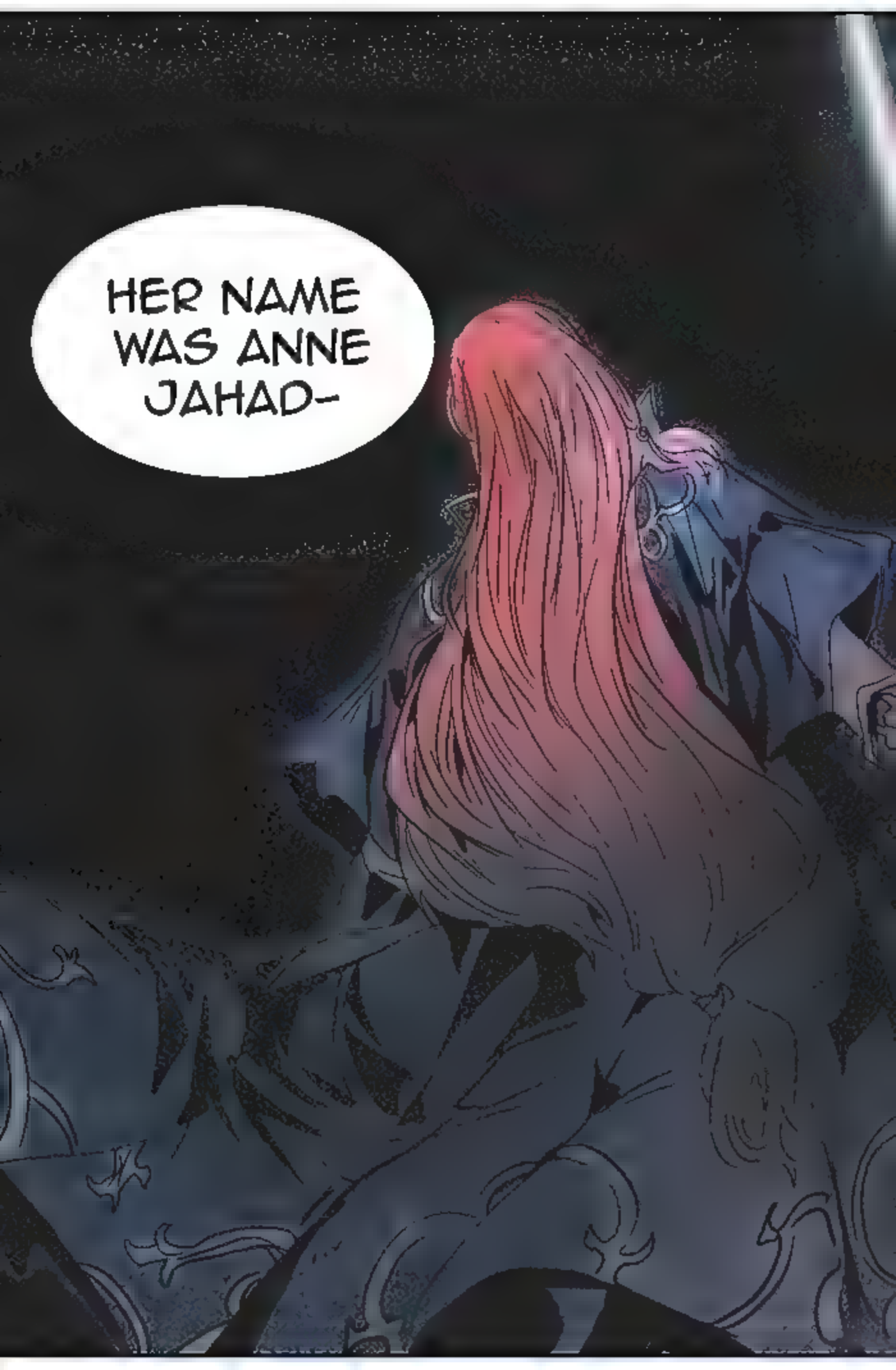
AS THIS SEEMINGLY ENDLESS WAR WENT ON,
A GENIUS APPEARED WHO SEEMED LIKE SHE COULD END THE TRAGEDY.


HER NAME WAS ANNE JAHAD-

SHE WAS OF THE ULTIMATE DESCENT, WITH THE BLOOD OF TWO LEADERS MIXED WITHIN HER.

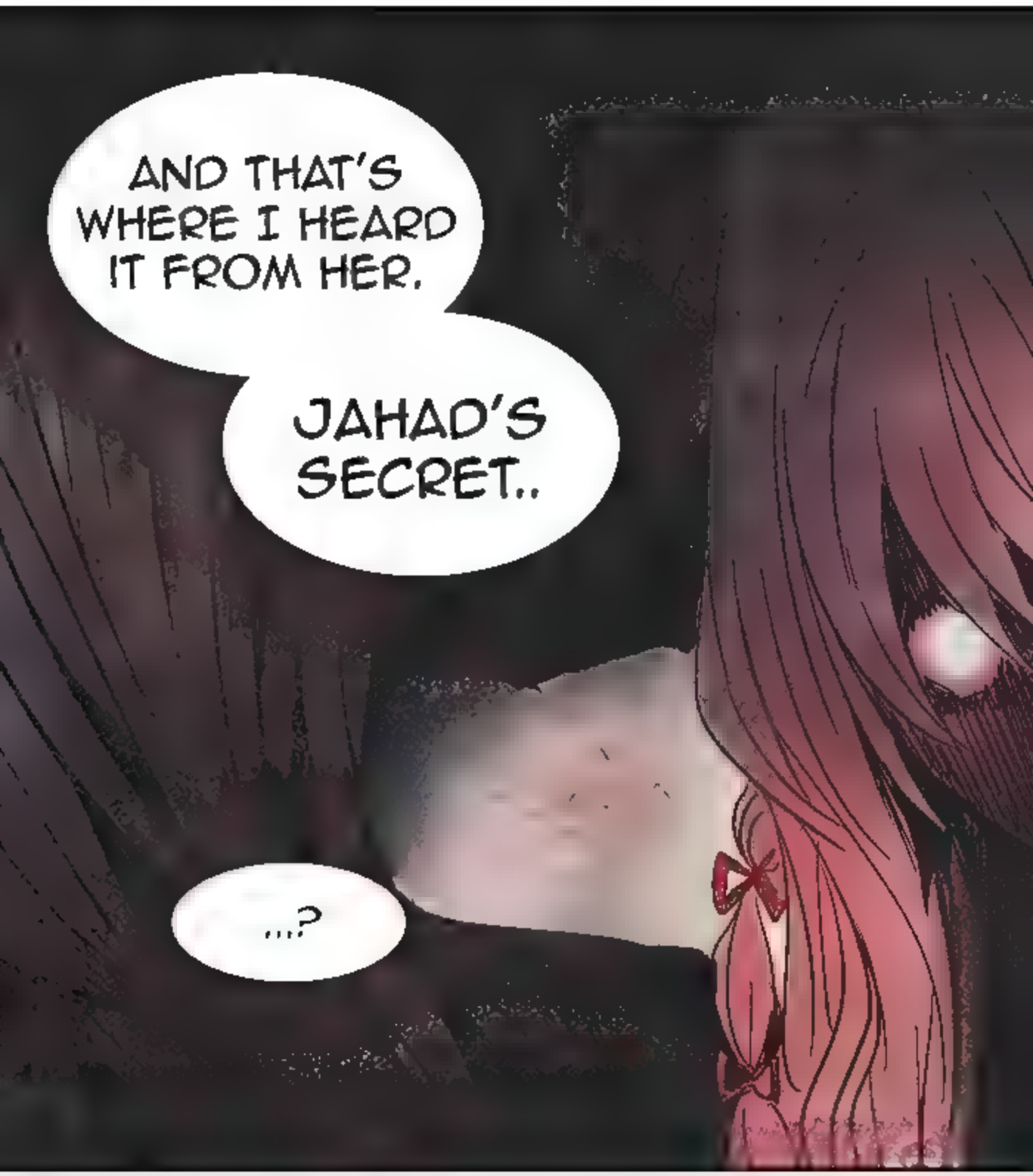
WITH HER COLORLESS 'DECEMBER,' SHE WAS TRULY OVERWHELMING.

SHE DISPLAYED TALENTS THAT EVEN THE FEUDING LEADERS HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ACKNOWLEDGE.

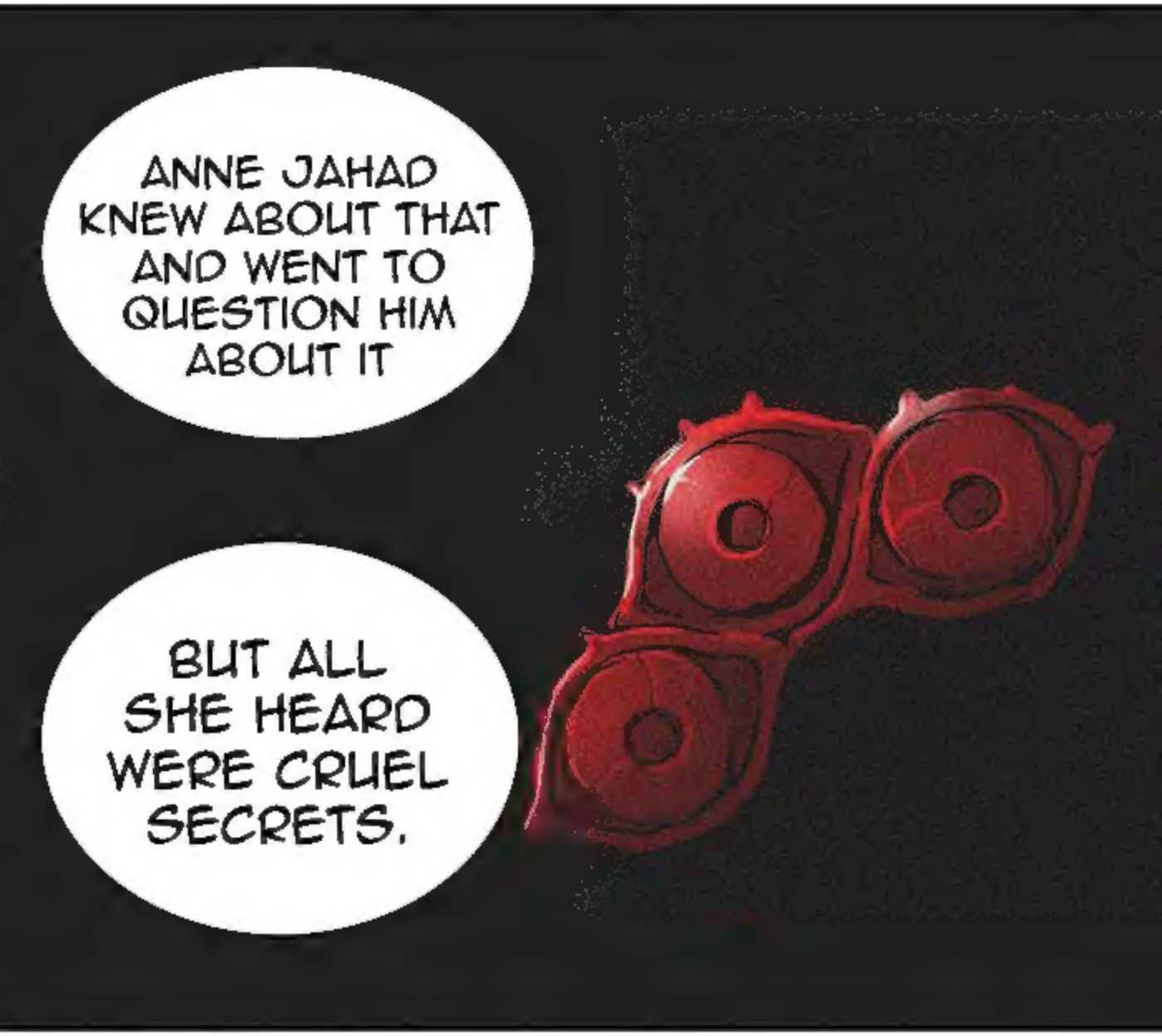
RIGHT AT THE MOMENT WHEN IT SEEMED LIKE SHE WOULD END THIS CRUEL COMPETITION-

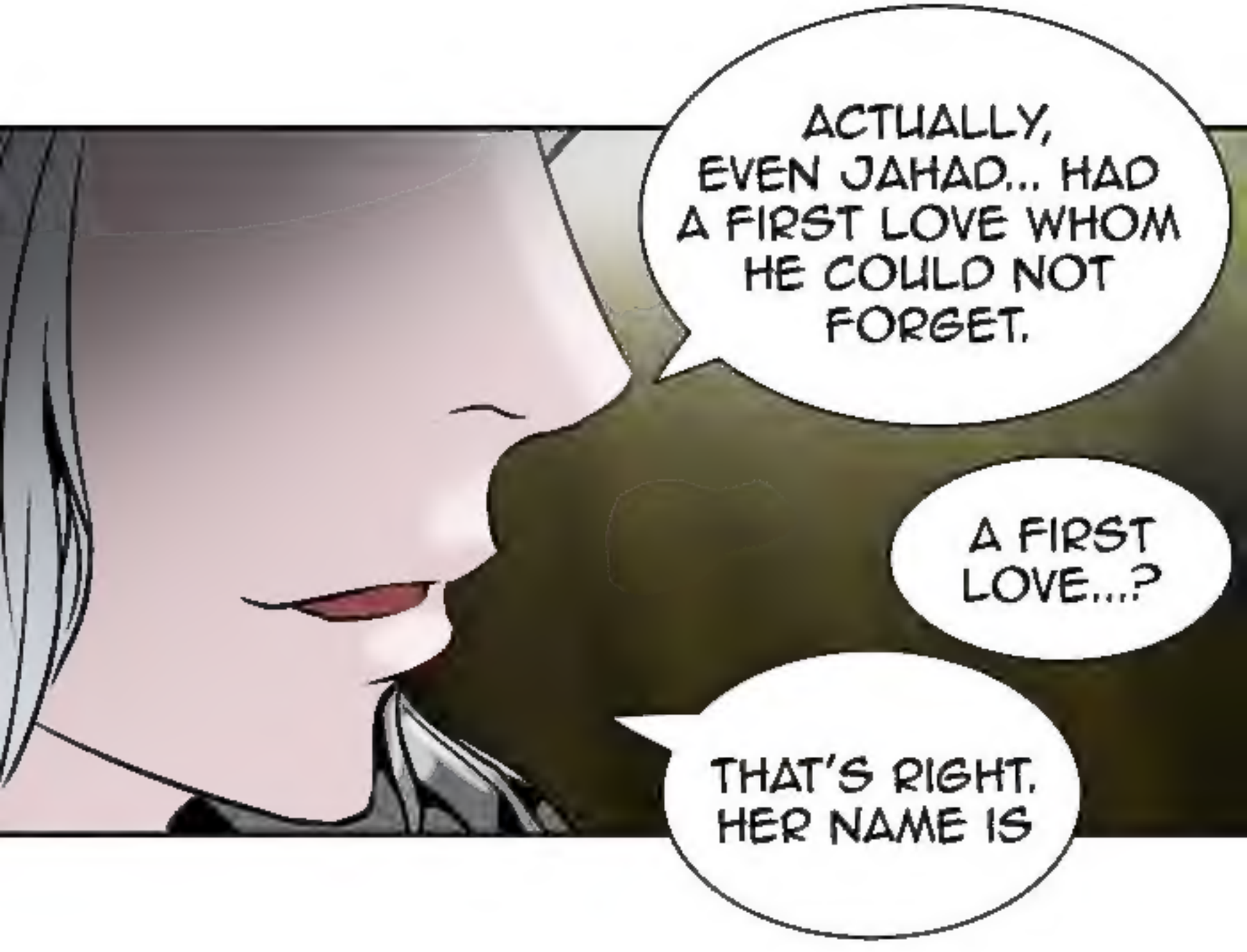
SHE WENT INSANE.
WHAT..?!

HAVING GONE MAD, SHE MURDERED EVERYONE FROM THE JAHAD FAMILY WHO CROSSED HER PATH,
AND ULTIMATELY, SHE WAS TRAPPED IN A MYSTERIOUS LABYRINTH.
I COULDN'T BELIEVE THAT A GIRL WHOM I HAD ADMIRED SO MUCH WOULD END UP LIKE THAT.
SO I RISKED MY LIFE TO BREAK IN THERE AND MEET HER.


AND THAT'S WHERE I HEARD IT FROM HER.
JAHAD'S SECRET..
...?

SHE SAID THAT FROM THE VERY START.. KING JAHAD NEVER ACTUALLY INTENDED TO GET MARRIED.
THE REASON THAT HE CREATED THE PRINCESSES OF JAHAD
WAS ACTUALLY TO WIPE OUT PEOPLE'S IMMEDIATE COMPLAINT.
THE INCIDENT IN WHICH ALL OF THE FIRST PRINCESSES OF JAHAD DIED WAS ALSO A TRAGEDY MANIPULATED BY JAHAD BEHIND THE SCENES.


ANNE JAHAD KNEW ABOUT THAT AND WENT TO QUESTION HIM ABOUT IT
BUT ALL SHE HEARD WERE CRUEL SECRETS.


ACTUALLY, EVEN JAHAD... HAD A FIRST LOVE WHOM HE COULD NOT FORGET.
A FIRST LOVE...?
THAT'S RIGHT. HER NAME IS

'ARLENE GRACE.'
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